

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Andersen et al.

Application No.: TBA

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 22, 2001

Examiner: TBA

For: Novel Cyclomaltodextrin Glucanotransferase Variants

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/158,216, filed on September 22, 1998, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application 1098/97 filed September 24, 1997, and U.S. provisional application no. 60/062,659 filed on October 8, 1997, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the last paragraph on page 4 with:

--This CGTase Numbering system has been described in WO 96/33267, and its equivalent, United States Patent No. 6,004,790, see Table 1, pages 9-31 (in which table *Bacillus circulans* Strain 251 is represented as a). Table 1 of WO 96/33267 and its equivalent United States Patent No.

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6,004,790 also show the protein sequences of a number of relevant CGTase and is hereby incorporated by reference.--

REMARKS

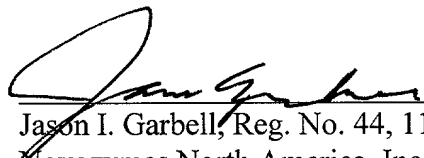
The Specification has been amended to identify that WO 96/33267, the reference incorporated by reference, has an equivalent published United States patent, namely, U.S. Patent No. 6,004,790, I, the undersigned, hereby state that the specification of United States Patent No. 6,004,790, and Table 1 of United States Patent No. 6,004,790, is the same as WO 96/33267, and Table I of WO 96/33267. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by entry of this preliminary amendment.

Applicants enclose herewith the Sequence Listing for the above-captioned application. The computer-readable form in this application is identical with that filed in Application Serial No. 09/158,216 filed September 22, 1998. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. The content of the attached paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the diskette filed in the parent application is the same. Furthermore, the information contained in the attached "SEQUENCE LISTING" and the ASCII-encoded file is identical to the information in the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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Below is a marked-up version of the amendments made in the accompanying amendment.

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The last paragraph on page 4, as amended:

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